

Speaker Registration Testimony

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Council/PH Committee PublicHearing
Agenda Item Honolulu Council Public Hearing on Tax Increase for Historic Homes
Your position on the matter Comment
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We are the only residential building with the State Hawaii Historic Property designation, granted 8/ 2010.

In 2010 we applied for the Historic Property tax exemption and were denied due to the wording of the law in effect 2010.

We submitted our design for approval of the official Historic Building plaque and were denied approval because w did not have a tax exemption.

We contacted Ann Kobayashi, then budget chair, and Stanley Chang, Dist IV, to help us. Bob Gentry testified about 2014 or 2015 in front of the council and were told it would be looked into.

Written Testimony We have been on the monthly walking tour of the Hawaii Historic Properties Waikiki Walking tour since 2013. <https://historichawaii.org/2013/12/27/historic-homes-in-waikiki-showcased-in-self-guided-walking-tour/>

In 2016 we participated in the docomomo, Hawaii chapter Midcentury Modernism walking tour
<http://www.thepicta.com/user/docomomohi/428147985>

<http://docomomo-us.org/news/exploring-modernism-in-your-backyard-2016>

Exploring the Gold Coast
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Tour day started at Vladimir's exclusive Outrigger Canoe Club, with light coffee and a

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refresher from Don Hibbard about the history on the area and the surrounding adjacent amenities. It was followed by six stops at various buildings along the Kalakaua Avenue route – including Diamond Head Ambassador Apartments, Coral Strand, Seabreeze, The Tahitienne, Tropic Seas, and ending at the exclusive Elks Lodge. The Gold Coast Tour included entry into apartments that were kept intact since it was first built. Along the route, the attendees were treated to insider information from the original architect for the space, such as the Diamond Head Apartments by Sid Synder, AIA. The tour cumulated in sea side seating for attendees at the Elk Lodge for lunch and a recap of each apartment

Since you are amending the law, Tahitienne, Inc., as the only residential building, a coop, would like you to assist is in approving the Historic sign and develop a fair formula to provide a residential building with a historic Property tax exemption, be it by number of units, we have 31 shares of stock and 27 units or the 50% exemption allowed commercial designated buildings, or any other amount that you deem is fair. The cost of maintaining older buildings is significant, and the tax relief would be appreciated.

Your attention to this request will be appreciated.

With Aloha,

Tyler Middleton

Assistant Treasurer, Board of Directors foe The Tahitienne Inc.

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Attachment

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